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OF THE JOHNSTOWN DISASTER

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THE DISPATCH has so often expressed its detestation of the crime of lynch law that it need not fear being misunderstood in saying that when law is suspended by such a crushing calamity as that at Johnstown, extraordinary measures must be taken for the public protection.

LET THE WORK OF RELIEF AT JOHNSTOWN BE FINISHED BEFORE THE SIGHTSEEING BEGINS. BEN DUTLER is reported as congratulating himself that no one ever called him a fool with a big, big D. If it is so Ben should remember that the main reason why no one did so when he ran for President in 1880 was the obvious and utter inadequacy of the term.

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